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"Yes California" By Musafir

The Yes California Independence Campaign is promoting a referendum for the secession of California from the United States of America. It proposes a referendum in 2019 on this issue. This movement is also known as Calexit. No one is sure yet, if the proposal for the secession will make to the ballot box in 2019, but the idea is gaining steam for sure, especially among the liberal elites and academia.

The last time a state seceded from the US, it was in the 1860s and a civil war broke out. The civil war lasted four years causing 620,000 deaths (two percent of the American population). Family members fought against each other directly. Brothers killed brothers and friends killed friends. Therefore, we should let California secede from the union peacefully to avoid history from repeating itself. I don't want my children and grandchildren to perish in such a senseless war.

The separatists live by different rules than the rest of the world. They want a borderless country where one has to accede to their ideals or live like an alien. They don't believe in freedom of expression either. Open opposition to their beliefs is met by violent protests, beating in public or death. This is already happening to conservatives from eastern part of the state. I don't want a forced conformation. So I'll be better off without them.

Secession has other advantages too for the remaining of the U.S.

- During the transition from statehood to nationhood, California will agree to assume its share of the U.S. national debt on a per capita basis. This will reduce the national debt by nearly \$2.4 trillion for the United States.

- The U.S. will not be obligated to pay Social Security and Medicare benefits to the citizens of California.

- The U.S. won't have to worry about uncontrolled and illegal immigration since California will be their safe haven.

- California's unfunded pension liability is closer to \$1 trillion. California will not come to Washington hat-in-hand looking to be bailed out of their unsustainable pension costs

- We will be spared from on-going internal fights between the very rich (liberal elites) and very poor (people of Mexican origin), between western and eastern Californians and between northern and southern Californians each wanting to form separate nations.

"I don't care what you say anymore, this is my life

Go ahead with your own life and leave me alone" –Billy Joel.



Counterpoint

California Will Always Be A Part of the Union by Bala Prasad, MD

What is going on with our present presidency? Every time I turn on the news, chances are that somebody is beating on the presidency for doing something or not doing something. This article is not in the defense of President Donald Trump. Far from it. It is in defense of fair play. Outside the newscasters, I know people, some very near and dear to me, who always ask me to mention one thing that Mr. Trump has done that is right. If people's opinion is so preformed and their mind already made up, what is there to discuss any alternate point of view? Mr. Trump has done and not done many things. Surely, most of us will find reasons to agree with or disagree with him, on some of the points.

The president has certainly not helped himself much with some of his actions and inactions. One of the primary necessities for survival, political or otherwise, is to stop the hole deeper that you are in. Certainly in orderly White House is advisers and subordinates would take the shovel out of his hand. But in this White House, no authority delegated adequately in anybody, who could disagree and disarm the president.

The president won the election fair and square and he is still needlessly carrying on about voter fraud against the absence of any fraud. Healthcare is in a shambles. He has the right to pass laws in the Congress as he sees fit – after all he is the only president we have – but having been rebuffed time and time again he should try for something he can achieve. These defeats are like blood to the sharks. They

become bold and more aggressive. Chances are very good he will have difficulty getting tax bills and others, some of which are very good, passed. Once the politician of his party or other party had tasted the power of exhilaration or pushing a president around, they will try it again and again, some time just for the fun of it, and sometime will succeed.

Mountains are made of mole hills, which eventually will not rise. But in the meantime it is the American people who will suffer. Nothing is being done. Nobody knows what is in the future of health care agenda, economic agenda, infrastructure agenda, or anything. Time has come when President should be left alone, without brick back thrown at him from all side, and do what he was elected to do. People should forget about his failed ventures like Trump School, Trump Airlines, multiple bankruptcies and others. He should be allowed to preside in peace.

Similar things happened to former President Barack Obama. He has been elected, re-elected, and is gone from White House. But his detractors still whine about his being a closet Muslim, not born in the United States, and achieving nothing in his presidency.

If you need more proof of my views, watch MSNBC and Fox News, the former for their diatribe against Mr. Trump and the latter against Mr. Obama. Previous presidents have had their detractors, but in my opinion it has reached a new height of uncouthness.